constituent by setting up of inter-regional links. Recently, Sasaram HVDC back-to-back station has been commissioned which has facilitated transfer of 500 MW from Eastern Region to Northern Region is asynchronous mode. U.P. is also a beneficiary of Eastern Region power.

(iv) Promoting energy efficiency and energy conservation measures.

(v) Government of India is striving for achieving financial turn around of State Electricity Boards/Utilities so as to enable them to become commercially viable. To bring about reforms in distribution, Ministry of Power in Government of India has launched Accelerated Power Development & Reforms Programme (APDRP) as a major step towards reduction in aggregate transmission and commercial losses and attaining commercial viability of the power sector. Rs. 13.03 Crores in 2000-01 and Rs. 32.12 Crores in 2002-03 have been released for sub-transmission and distribution schemes under APDRP to Uttar Pradesh.

Setting up of power plants in U.P.

859. PROF. M.M. AGARWAL: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal to set up power plants in Uttar Pradesh during the Tenth Plan period;

(b) if so, the location-wise details thereof alongwith the funds allocated for the same; and

(c) the necessary steps taken/proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) to (c) Anpara 'C' TPP Unit-I (500 MW) in District Sonebhadra and Parichha TPS extension Unit-3 (210 MW) in District Jhansi in the State Sector and Rihand STPP Stage-ll Units 3 & 4 (2x500 MW) in district Sonebhadra in the Central Sector are targeted for Tenth Plan in Uttar Pradesh. The cost of these projects is as under:

Anpara 'C' TPP Unit-1 (500 MW), State Sector also.	35.657* Billion Yen + Rs. 2100.23 Crore *cost includes unit-2 (500 MW)
ParichhaTPS Extn. Units-3 & 4** (2x210 MW), State Sector	Rs. 1703.00 Crore
**Unit-3 (210 MW) targeted for 10th Plan.	
Rihand STPP St. II Units 3 & 4 (2x500 MW), Central Sector	Rs. 4049.49 Crore

Besides, Feroze Gandhi Unchahar Thermal Power Project in Central Sector, located in the Rai Bareilly District of Uttar Pradesh, by 210 MW under Stage-ll at an estimated cost of Rs. 963.29 crore and Rosa TPP (Unit 1&2) (2x283.5 MW) in Private Sector in Distt. Shahjahanpur at an estimated cost of Rs. 2432.105 crore have also been identified for giving benefits during Tenth Plan.

Close monitoring is being done by the Ministry of Power to ensure timely completion of the targeted power projects in Uttar Pradesh during Tenth Plan.

Monitoring the power reforms work of SEBs

860. DR. ALLADI P. RAJKUMAR: Will the Minister of POWER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Centre monitor the power reforms work of State Electricity Boards;

(b) if so, the rating of reforms undertaken, State-wise; and

(c) the action proposed against the States failing to implement time-bound reforms in spite of incentives?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF POWER (SHRIMATI JAYAWANTI MEHTA): (a) and (b) Yes, Sir. The State-wise rating score of State Electricity Boards/Utilities is given in the enclosed Statement *{See* below).

(c) Electricity is a concurrent subject and distribution is the responsibility of the State Government. The quantum of assistance from the facilitation by Ministry of Power would largely be dependent upon the extent of reforms a State would be undertaking. The objective is to encourage the States engaged in reforms with a view to make the power sector viable and strengthen the power infrastructure, which is vital for the country's economic growth.